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Illegal Alien Convicted of Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Distribute

(Norfolk, VA) Fidel Ibarra-Loredo, age 40, of Exmore, Virginia, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Norfolk to 57 months in federal prison for his conviction upon a plea of guilty to possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. He also faces deportation proceedings after serving his sentence, announced Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents obtained a federal search warrant for Ibarra's residence and business, Taller Los Primos Auto Repair, in Exmore. When the ICE agents executed the search warrant on November 2, 2005, they recovered a bag of cocaine concealed in a flower pot and a .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle and ammunition from the residence. A bag of cocaine was found under the center console of Ibarra's truck. Ibarra is from Mexico and did not enter the United States legally. The case was prosecuted under Project Safe Neighborhoods, (PSN)/EXILE, a federal program that uses a joint federal and state multi-agency approach to target armed criminals for prosecution in federal court for possession or use of firearms in violation of federal laws. It is a part of a nationwide effort by the Department of Justice aimed at reducing violent crimes. Most firearms cases involve or are related to drug trafficking. Since its inception in Hampton Roads in late 1997, Project PSN/EXILE has produced more than 1121 convictions and removed more than 1892 firearms from armed criminals.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James A. Metcalfe.

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